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MOBILE PHONE DIRECTORY
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Cellular Operators have opposed the telecom regulatory proposal to bring out a directory of mobile phone users;

(b) if so the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken/being taken by the TRAI to implement its orders?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) & (b) A consultation paper on publishing of Telephone Directory and Directory Enquiry Services was issued by Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) to all stakeholders and consumers` organizations. In response to the consultation paper, a large number of comments have been received from the stakeholders. The Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI), Association of Unified Telecom Service Providers of India (AUSPI) and some others have opposed the proposal. However, Open House Sessions on the subject matter are yet to be held by TRAI. As such, the consultation process is not fully complete.

(c) Does not arise in view of (a) & (b) above.